

WASHINGTON, D.C. Last night the Dougherty High Chorale received an overwhelming reception for their performance at the Gospel Extravaganza held at the Washington Convention Center. The gospel concert is a highlight of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference which is holding its 34th session this week. This is the second year that Congressman Bishop has hosted the Dougherty High Chorale for the event.

Before a crowd of more than 500 of the Convention's Participants, the Dougherty Chorale demonstrated its performance range with a medley of gospel and spiritual arrangements that included "Battle of Jericho," "Saga of Justice," and "He is High and Lifted Up" which was written by chorale director, Mark Butler. In his introduction of the choir, Congressman Sanford Bishop recognized the choir's trademark discipline and commitment to not just music but to public service.

"It is inspiring to see young people dedicate so much of themselves to giving back to their community," said Congressman Bishop. "We bring them to Washington, D.C. as a recognition and as a reward for their hard work, but also to show the nation what talented young people we have in South Georgia. Both last year and this, they were far and away the best choir featured."

The Dougherty High Chorale arrived in Washington, D.C. earlier this week to prepare for the concert and are spending their final day touring the city with Congressman Bishop.

"There is so much to see and learn in our capital city, I am really glad to have the opportunity to share it with young people back in the district," said Congressman Bishop. "I hope that they find it as inspiring as I do."